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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
ANDREW SUTHERLAND ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
(Based on PCT/GB00/02877)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: PIPE REPAIR DEVICE AND METHOD :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 10 and 11 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

A¹.
3. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 including means for completing the forming of the aperture in the pipe following fixation of the fluid entry device to the pipe.

A².
5. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 including means attachable to the elongate handle for forming a thread within the aperture in the pipe to allow the fluid entry device to be affixed to the pipe.